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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION WITH
EAST GERMAN REPS

1. AT INVITATION OF EAST GERMAN REP, US REP AND DEPREP
MET ON JAN. 25 FOR LUNCH WITH GDR REP (OESER) AND
DEPREP (ERNST). OESER WAS PLEASANT IN MANNER BUT
WHOLLY UNYIELDING AS REGARDS SUBSTANCE. MAIN POINTS
MADE BY GDR REP WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. OESER INSISTED THAT FRG BUNDESWEHR MUST BE
INCLUDED IN FORCE REDUCTIONS FROM THE OUTSET. ON THE
OTHER HAND, GDR REP CRITICIZED ALLIED TWO-PHASE

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APPROACH FOR NOT SPECIFYING THAT BUNDESWEHR WOULD

PARTICIPATE, FOR NOT INDICATING LEVEL TO WHICH BUNDESWEHR WOULD BE REDUCED, AND FOR NOT INDICATING DATE BY WHICH SECOND PHASE REDUCTIONS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

B. GDR COULD NOT YET SEE ANY PROSPECT OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS. AT THE SAME TIME THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR TRYING A DIFFERENT FORMAT OF DISCUSSION; SUCH FORMAT REQUIRED PRIOR AGREEMENT ON SOME SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTER AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. THIS WAS NOT YET IN SIGHT.

C. IT WAS NOT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO SPECIFY THE LEVEL FROM WHICH FORCES WERE REDUCED OR THE LEVEL AT WHICH THEY WOULD BE HELD FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS. ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY WAS TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF FORCES TO BE REDUCED AND TO MAKE A COMMITMENT THAT THE NEW LEVELS WOULD NOT BE EXCEEDED. US REP SAID THIS WOULD BE INSUFFICIENTLY PRECISE.

D. OESER STATED THAT REFERENCE TO "DERIVED MEASURES" IN HIS JANUARY 24 PLENARY PRESENTATION HAD BEEN TO ASSOCIATED MEASURES. THESE MEASURES SHOULD ONLY BE TACKLED AFTER THE MAIN ISSUES OF REDUCTION HAD BEEN AGREED ON. ERNST STATED THAT THEIR MEASURES WERE LIMITED TO MEASURES DIRECTLY RELATED TO REDUCTIONS.HUMES

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